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PLANES CRASH IN CANYON

County Budget Approved by Committee; Salaries Raised

The Jackson county budget committee Friday afternoon approved the 1956-57 budget. Major changes provided salary increases for seven elected officials, 10 sheriff's deputies, chief deputies in three other departments, the bookkeeper-payroll clerk, two health department employees, and two superintendents at the county farm home, and two road department employees.

The revised budget total is \$2,645,389.07 as compared with the original estimate of \$2,638,818.47. Members of the committee said no tax levy would be necessary this year. The budget was balanced by increased O&C receipt estimates.

Approval of the budget followed by an all-day public hearing, which drew what observers called a "surprisingly small crowd."

Officials Raised
Raises for elected officials are as follows:
County judge from \$5,000 to \$5,760; county commissioners from \$4,800 to \$5,520 each; clerk from \$4,500 to \$5,400; treasurer from \$4,500 to \$5,040; sheriff from \$5,000 to \$5,520 and engineer-surveyor from \$8,100 to \$8,824.

Some people present when these increases were approved expressed the opinion that the raises were not sufficient. The committee agreed but stated the relatively small increases represented a "step in the right direction."

Deputies Get Increases
The following salary increases were approved for 10 sheriff's deputies:
First deputy from \$4,200 to \$4,600; second and third deputies from \$3,960 to \$4,284; fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth deputies from \$3,960 to \$4,164 and ninth, 10th and 11th deputies from \$3,720 to \$3,960.

Other chief deputies raised from \$3,821.40 to \$3,965 were one each in the county clerk's office, assessor's office and tax departments.

Salary of the bookkeeper-payroll clerk was also raised from \$3,821.40 to \$3,965. One health department employee received a salary increase from \$3,960 to \$4,200 and another received an increase from \$3,600 to \$3,821.40. At the Jackson county farm home a raise from \$3,146 to \$3,400 was approved for the superintendent and a raise from \$3,036 to \$3,400 for the assistant superintendent.

Late Changes
In the road department the draftsman's salary was raised \$4560 to \$4,800 and the chief clerk's salary was raised from \$3,630 to \$3,821.40.

Final increase for the sheriff's salary and salary increases for the two road department employees were approved after the hearing ended. Salary for the sheriff was originally approved

as \$4,400 and was changed Saturday morning to \$5,520.

During the Friday morning portion of the hearing, the committee agreed to cut a \$100 item in the district attorney's budget for tax foreclosure and trimmed the board of equalization budget from \$2,000 to \$1,000.

Detention Home Discussed
Considerable discussion took place during the morning session regarding the proposed juvenile detention home. It was stated that only \$65,000 had been approved by voters for construction of the home and recommendations were made against budgeting an additional \$25,000 for construction of an administration wing in the home.

County Judge Rodney Keating proposed at the May 23 committee meeting that \$25,000 be transferred from the courthouse building construction fund to finance the wing. The county court subsequently toured other detention homes in the state and returned with reports that homes containing administrative wings in the same building appeared to be functioning more efficiently than others.

Some protests were still audible in the afternoon portion of the hearing, but the committee ruled the item for the administration wing would remain in the budget.

Among those voicing opposition to the administrative portion of the building were representatives of the Jackson Chamber of Commerce legislative committee. Frank Van Dyke, chairman of the group, later said some members of the committee had been under the erroneous impression the administrative facilities and the detention home were to be housed in separate buildings.

The chamber of commerce group, raising frequent question about the budget, also recommended that the committee seriously consider having adequate personnel on duty at the county jail at all hours to permit attorneys to contact prisoners.

Personal Talked
It was stated that two sheriff's deputies are required to accompany visitors to the jail and at the present time there are not sufficient officers on duty to permit jail visits between the hours of 5 and 7 p.m. and 3 and 8:30 a.m. It was explained, however, that the sheriff and deputies are on call at all times and are available in cases of emergency.

The chamber committee suggested that the constable's office be combined with the sheriff's office. The budget committee took no action on this recommendation.

Nation's 650,000 Steel Workers Go On Strike Today

Negotiations Break In Deadlock Saturday
New York—(U.P.)—The Nation's 650,000 basic steel workers went on strike in 27 states early today six hours after the collapse of contract negotiations.

Following their traditional policy of "no contract, no work," members of the United Steelworkers Union (AFL-CIO) refused to enter the mills on the midnight shifts in what could be the worst strike in the nation's key industry since a paralyzing 56-day walkout in 1952.

Talks Break Down
Contract talks in the "neutral territory" of New York City broke down at 6 p.m. (EDT) after the 45th session between the union and the industry's big three—U.S. Steel, Bethlehem and Republic. The chief deadlocks were on the issues of a wage increase and length of contract.

The nationwide walkout closed all but a few mills which have agreed to extend the present contract. Ninety per cent of the nation's steel supply was choked off.

It was estimated the strike will cost \$40,000,000 a day, and, if it lasts for a prolonged period, cut critically into nearly all U.S. business and commerce.

The giant steel industry already had ground to a halt as USW pickets carrying strike placards went on the picket lines—some of them hours before the strike deadline. To protect their multi-million dollar installations, the steel companies had been banking their furnaces and shutting them down for three days.

The strike, which will cost the nation 2,100,000 tons of steel production each week, went into effect without government intervention. Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell said the government had no present plans to enter the picture.

The union never publicly disclosed its contract demands but it has been reported seeking a 20-cent hourly raise during the first year of a three-year contract. The industry which first offered a five-year, no strike contract later suggested a four-year, fourth-month pact providing wage boosts of 7.3 cents hourly each year, plus other benefits.

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COMMAND DECISION—These National Guard officers from Medford planned and directed operations of Company A, 186th infantry regiment, in the two-week training encampment at Fort Lewis, Wash. Left to right are 1st Lt. Bert W. Riebe, executive officer; 2nd Lt. John J. Harding and 1st Lt. Jack C. Phillips, platoon leaders; and 1st Lt. Oran C. Chastain, company commander. National Guardsmen returned home Saturday afternoon. More pictures and a story on their encampment appear on page 14 of today's Mail Tribune. (Oregon National Guard photo)

127 PASSENGERS, CREW ABOARD; WRECKAGE FOUND

Winslow, Ariz.—(U.P.)—Two giant luxury airliners carrying 127 passengers and crew members crashed into the Grand Canyon Saturday and a high Air Force search and rescue officer said it was believed they possibly collided in the air to produce history's worst commercial aviation disaster.

Wreckage of a four-engined TWA Super-Constellation, which disappeared yesterday morning about the time it would have been in the identical area at virtually the same altitude as a four-engined DC-7 of United Airlines, was sighted by two brothers, Palen and Henry Hudgin, operators of the Grand Canyon Airlines.

It was strewn along the bottom of a big canyon, the characteristic triple tail sections of the "Connie" virtually the only portion of the plane unconsumed by fire.

A quarter-mile away, in the little Colorado river, the brothers said they believed they spotted the wreckage of the UAL plane. The site was only about a quarter of a mile from the TWA wreckage.

If there are no survivors of the two planes, which were flying a near-parallel course after taking off from Los Angeles this morning headed for Chicago and Kansas City, it would be the greatest commercial air disaster in nearly a half-century of flying.

"It is very likely a collision occurred," said Capt. Byrd Ryland, from March Air Force Base, commander of the search operations.

Smoke Reported;
Head Radio Reports
Ryland reported he talked to the Hudgins and they reported they spotted smoke about 11:15 a.m., but thought nothing of it until they heard radio reports that two airliners were missing.

The two planes were due to check in over Tuba City, in the heart of the Painted Desert area on the watershed of the Grand Canyon at 11:32 a.m., at which time their flight plans called for them to be only 1,100 feet apart.

When they heard of the missing plane, the Hudgins flew back to the scene and identified the tail section of the big red "Connie." This was reported to search and rescue headquarters here just before dark.

Area Inaccessible
"From the amount of stuff and the distribution of it and the way the planes were demolished, it looked like there wouldn't be any life here," Henry told Ryland.

Hudgins said the TWA wreckage lay scattered down the slopes of Chuar Butte, west of the mouth of the Little Colorado river and about 45 miles due west of Tuba City, where the planes were to have checked in by radio at 11:32 a.m. (PDT).

They never checked in. Overhead, blanketing the entire painted desert area, the sky was filled with typical desert thunderstorms, flashing lightning and piling-up towering white thunderheads, filled with turbulence, above the storms.

Physicians stood by "on the ready" for transportation into the area should the morning sun reveal signs of life around the wreckage. The search and rescue unit was figuring logistics on food and water so that they can be dropped into the scene if survivors are located.

Helicopters scanned the area at low altitude this morning.

Search headquarters here said a plane would fly over the area at daylight to determine if it will be possible to parachute men to the scene of the wreckage. If that is impossible, it is anticipated it may take two days to reach the wreckage on foot.

Rugged Terrain
The park ranger said it will be almost impossible to send a ground party into the area because of the rugged terrain.

Ryland said it was possible the rescue teams would have to use rafts on the river to approach the scene because of the difficult terrain.

If none escape, the twin crashes would be the worst disaster in commercial aviation history. Only one plane crash in nearly a half century of flying would have exceeded it in fatalities—the crash of C-124 Globemaster Air Force plane near Tokyo in 1953 which 129 servicemen were lost.

Both airlines remained close-mouthed. W. A. Patterson, president of United Airlines, took an unprecedented step and flew to Winslow, Ariz., to head a 35-man investigating team. Winslow sources said that TWA planes from the coast were bringing in another team to set up headquarters in Winslow, which is on the southern edge of the Painted Desert.

Rebels, Communists Fight Gun Duels as Uprisings Continue

Berlin—(U.P.)—Polish rebels fought gun duels with Communist troops from rooftops and windows Saturday in the third straight day of their uprising against Red rule in Poznan. Eyewitnesses said the death toll "might run into the hundreds."

Returning businessmen said the city early yesterday sounded like a battlefield in wartime, then quieted later.

Strikes Continue
They said strikes were continuing in the city. Thousands of workers were reported threatening to stay off the job unless the government releases prisoners seized in a continuing roundup of riot leaders that netted more than 300 men, according to the Reds.

City officials said the bodies of 38 identified rebels, Communists and soldiers were buried Saturday, although Warsaw radio said later that funeral services were held for 48.

Returning British businessmen said in West Berlin that Communist sources admitted 70 dead and 300 wounded. Several said there were at least 100 dead and one said the figure "might run into the hundreds."

Armed Camp
The city was an armed camp. Tanks clanked through the streets, jet fighters shrieked overhead and jeeps filled with soldiers careened through the streets.

The rebels, workers and members of the anti-Communist underground, fought back with machine guns, grenades, Molotov cocktails, and rifles.

Food was reported short. Looters smashed into closed stores. The civilian population, controlled by a curfew, appeared sullen. Transportation, except for taxis and military vehicles, was nonexistent.

Weather Conditions Indusive to Fires

Atmospheric conditions are becoming "ideal for fire outbreaks" in local forest areas, officials at the Oregon forest patrol headquarters on Table Rock rd., reported Saturday.

Falling humidity and wind, both indusive to fires, have been noted in recent days, officials said, and are expected to continue.

Only fire reported this past week was spotted at 11:45 p.m. Friday in the Prospect area. The blaze, believed to be mancaused, covered about one-half acre but resulted in no damage. It was reported by the look-out at White Point tower.

Medford Is Named Eagles Confab Site

The Dalles—(U.P.)—Some 1,200 delegates and their families wound up the three-day state convention of the Fraternal Order of Eagles here Saturday with a downtown parade and sessions highlighted by the election of officers.

During the closing sessions yesterday afternoon, the convention named Medford as the site of next year's meeting.

Harry Seavy, Albany, was elected junior past president of the organization with Diem Roskoski, Portland, named as president. Francis Baker, Hermiston, was elected vice president and William Bigoni, Portland, named as chaplain.

Edna Pierce, Tillamook, was named as junior past president of the auxiliary, and Gladys Plummer, Sheridan, elected president. Grayce Johnson, Pendleton, was chosen as vice president, and Waunita Walters, Prineville, as chaplain.

Pear Harvest May Start August 9

Rogue valley growers will start harvesting the 1956 pear crop Aug. 9, according to a tentative production from the Rogue River Valley Traffic association. The estimated date was set by John Higdon of the Medford expansion station and Cliff Cordy, county horticultural agent. They calculated on a formula using temperature factors of the fruit taken six weeks from full bloom. The formula has been used successfully in some areas of California.

The Aug. 9 starting date will vary in some parts of the valley but will hold true for the majority of orchards, they said.

Approximately 4,500 pickers will be needed during the season to harvest a crop which is expected to reach 3 million boxes of fruit.

Second Phase of SP Hearing Postponed

Otherwise engaged elsewhere. Earlier hearing testimony opposed to the action of the railroad was heard; on Aug. 7 SP will be given an opportunity to present its side of the case.

The matter was brought before the Oregon public utilities commissioner by three lawyers and state senators, Philip B. Lowry of Medford, Gene L. Brown of Grants Pass, and Paul E. Geddes of Roseburg. They filed a complaint charging the SP with disregarding the rights of the people of southwestern Oregon to modern, efficient rail transportation, after the SP discontinued its last passenger train running between Eugene and Ashland.

Under Obligation
At the earlier hearing, witnesses alleged the railroad had "deliberately" killed off its passenger service along this line since the main line was moved east of the mountains. They argued that since the Cascade line south of Eugene provides the railroad with substantial freight revenues, the SP is under obligation to provide passenger service to the area.

The PUC hearing is not concerned with the railroad's legal obligations under its original franchise, which may be adjudicated in the federal courts later.

Boyer Reelected Central Chairman

Bob Boyer was reelected to another two-year term as chairman of the Jackson County Democratic Central committee at a meeting Friday evening.

His reelection is looked upon as an endorsement by local Democratic workers of his candidacy for the state chairmanship of the Democratic party, which he announced last week.

Boyer, a Medford attorney, is also a candidate for the state legislature from Jackson county.

Mrs. Neva Clarke, Jacksonville, was elected vice chairman of the party here. She succeeds Mrs. Marion Lusk of Medford.

Larry Sheehan, Rogue River, and Marcus Norton, Phoenix, were named first and second alternates to the chairman, and Mrs. Myrtle Newton, Ashland, was elected alternate to the vice chairman.

Mrs. Frances Hamilton, Central Point, was named secretary, and Charles Shepherd, Medford, was elected treasurer. Mark McKenzie, Medford, was elected congressional committeeman, and Mrs. Donna Straus, Sams Valley, is the new congressional committeewoman.

Other business transacted by the committee included setting July 29 as the date for the annual Democratic party picnic. It will be held at TouVelle State park, starting at 12:30 p.m. It is hoped to have one of Oregon's two Democratic senators as a speaker.

"Gee—Everything Except Guts"

REPORT ON THE BUSINESS
SPECTACULAR
COLOR 3D
SUPER-DUPER SOUND

Two City Bus Routes Will Be Suspended This Summer

Two city bus lines will be suspended during the summer months, it was announced yesterday by Ralph Matthews, manager of Evergreen Bus Lines.

He also said a readjustment in inter-city fares has been requested by the company, and will go into effect if approved by the public utilities commissioner.

Both changes would become effective July 10 if approved, he reported.

The routes to be suspended are the East Main st. line, which goes to the Rogue Valley County club and back, and the west side line on Oakdale and Stewart aves., and Orchard Home dr. It is planned to resume service on the lines when school starts again in the fall.

The rate readjustment, if approved, would go into effect at the same time as will increased fares requested by Greyhound and Trailways bus lines. On the Medford-Ashland run all fares except the maximum one, 35 cents, would be increased by 5 cents. On the runs to Central Point and Jacksonville, minimum fares will be made 20 cents. The latter changes will affect only passengers using intermediate service, and the fares to Central Point and Jacksonville themselves, now 20 and 25 cents respectively, will not be changed.

Sports Bulletins

Portland—(U.P.)—Portland racked up its fifth straight win here last night by rolling to an 8 to 1 win over Vancouver in the second game of the Pacific Coast League series between the two clubs.

Weather

FORECAST: Continued clear with slightly warmer afternoons through Monday. High Sunday 82; Low 45; High Monday 85.

TEMPERATURE: Highest yesterday 79; Lowest yesterday 45.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise	4:38 a.m.
Sunset	7:52 p.m.
Moonrise Monday	12:03 a.m.
New Moon	July 7

VISIBLE PLANETS
Saturn, in the south, 9:11 p.m.
Jupiter, sets, 10:00 p.m.
Mars, rises, 11:37 p.m.
and is now nearly as bright as Jupiter.

Porky Eradication Contest Gets Under Way in County

The year-long porcupine eradication contest sponsored by the Kiwanis club and the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce opens today.

All persons between 12 and 18 years of age who live in Jackson county are eligible to compete.

The idea of the contest is to eliminate porcupines, which are causing damage to timber and orchards. A total of \$500 worth of prizes donated by local lumber and logging firms will be given at the end of each quarter. Grand prizes are planned for the end of the year.

Contestants are to kill porcupines, abiding by contest rules and state and federal forestry regulations. Porcupine noses are brought to the county clerk's office in the court house or to the Prospect office of Elk Lumber company. There they will be given a \$1 bounty per nose and a receipt.

Prizes are awarded on the basis of the number of bounty receipts collected by contestants.

The Kiwanis club plans to issue a circular soon containing contest rules and a list of companies which are helping with prizes.